

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2, 3, 5-11, 13, 14, 16-22, 24 and 26-31 are pending in the present application. By the present Amendment, claims 2, 3, 6-11, 13, 14, 17-22, 24 and 27-31 were amended; and claims 1, 12, 23, 32-38 and 40 were canceled. No claims have been added. This application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, and reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following comments.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 6-14, 16-24, 27-38 and 40 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter, which Applicant regards as the invention.

In rejecting the claims, the Examiner asserts that the newly amended independent claims (claims 1, 12, 23, 32 and 37 as amended in the Response filed December 21, 2005) renders the claims indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

In order to expedite prosecution, claims 1, 12, 23, 32-38 and 40 have been canceled; and claims 2, 3, 6-11, 13, 14, 17-22, 24 and 27-31 have been amended to depend from one of allowed claims 5, 16 and 26.

Therefore, the rejection of claims 1-3, 6-14, 16-24, 27-38 and 40 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph has been overcome.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 103, Obviousness

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 6-14, 17-24, 27-38 and 40 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over "Gannon University Norton Antivirus Configuration" and "Windows NT server 4.0." This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As indicated above, claims 1, 12, 23, 32-38 and 40 have been canceled, and dependent claims 2, 3, 6-11, 13, 14, 17-22, 24 and 27-31 have been amended to depend from one of allowed claims 5, 16 and 26. Accordingly, claims 2, 3, 5-11, 13, 14, 16-22, 24 and 26-31, currently pending in the application, should be allowed, and this application should now be in condition for allowance.

Therefore, the rejection of claims 1-3, 6-14, 16-24, 27-38 and 40 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 has been overcome.

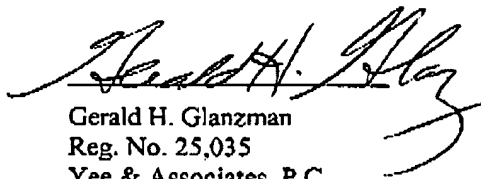
III. Conclusion

For all the above reasons, it is submitted that claims 2, 3, 5-11, 13, 14, 16-22, 24 and 26-31 are allowable in their present form, and that this application is now in condition for allowance. It is, accordingly, respectfully requested that the Examiner enter this Amendment as placing the application in condition for allowance and issue a Notice of Allowance in due course.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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